

## **2021 Baltimore County Redistricting Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes – July 26, 2021 Meeting – Redistricting Technology Demonstration**

This was the second meeting of the Commission, not including public input hearings held in June. This meeting was held as an in-person lunch meeting of the Commission members in the County Council Chamber. The meeting started at approximately 12:10 p.m., with two attendees present in the gallery. All Commission members were present during the entire meeting. Also in attendance were members of the GIS team assisting the Commission. The meeting was also live-streamed.

Council Secretary Tom Bostwick greeted the Commission members and all attendees and gave opening remarks. Mr. Bostwick indicated that the County's GIS (Geographic Information System) department of the Office of Information Technology (OIT) would be providing technical support to the Commission and would be creating a Web Application dashboard that would allow the Commission members to perform mapping scenarios on their own, utilizing unofficial population data from the American Community Survey until the official Census data is published. This would allow the Commission to get a head start on discussions and mapping. During the lunch, there were some general discussions amongst the Commission members. The Commission members then introduced themselves and related some brief background information.

Mr. Bostwick then asked the GIS persons to introduce themselves: Rob Livermore, the GIS program manager; Christine Lupton with GIS; and also Steve Foley with the GIS team. Rob Livermore explained the process of putting together the web app which culminated in the dashboard presentation, and the data that is contained in the app. Specifically, the data would be categorized initially by census block group data based on the American Community Survey data. Steve Foley then discussed some of the particulars and details of the dashboard and demonstrated some of the features. Mr. Foley also answered some of the Commission members' questions related to the dashboard.

After the presentation by GIS, Mr. Bostwick made some general follow-up remarks on how the redistricting process would play out and answered some of the Commission members' additional questions.

Mr. Bostwick thanked the members for attending and indicated the next public meeting of the Commission would likely take place in mid-August. The meeting was then closed at approximately 1:35 p.m.